



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Sams et al.

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants respond to the Office Action mailed on 07/26/01 (hereinafter referred to as the "Office Action") in the following manner:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please find the attached replacement specification and "marked up" specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 13 and add new claims 14-17 as follows:

Claim 13 (amended)

A tripod bearing assembly comprising:

a spider assembly having a spider portion and a trunnion with a non-machined non-bearing cylindrical outer surface which radially projects therefrom;

a bearing assembly which is capable of being press fit onto said trunnion and including an inner race comprising a formed cup which engages said trunnion, effective to substantially prevent angular displacement between said inner race and said trunnion, an outer race, and a plurality of needle rollers interposed therebetween to permit relative rotation between said inner